

SENATE BILL 4044
By Norris

AN ACT to amend Chapter 98 of the Private Acts of 1977; as amended by Chapter 199 of the Private Acts of 1982 and Chapter 131 of the Private Acts of 1994; and any other acts amendatory thereto, relative to elections in the Town of Brighton, Tipton County.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Chapter 98 of the Private Acts of 1977, as amended by Chapter 199 of the Private Acts of 1982 and Chapter 131 of the Private Acts of 1994, and any other acts amendatory thereto, is amended by deleting Section 12 in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

Section 12. In order to increase the participation of the voters in municipal elections and to save considerable expense for the taxpayers of the Town of Brighton, the Board of Mayor and Aldermen hereby extends the terms of the current members of the board so that future elections of the Town of Brighton will be conducted at the regular state election held in November of even-numbered years. The terms of the mayor and four (4) aldermen whose terms expire in May 2007 are hereby extended until the first regular meeting of the board in December 2008.

At the regular election to be held in November 2008, and each succeeding regular November election held every four (4) years thereafter, the four (4) candidates receiving the highest number of votes for alderman shall be elected for a term of four (4) years or until their successors are elected and qualified. Of the elected aldermen, the one (1) alderman who received more votes than any other alderman elected shall serve as vice-mayor of the corporation. The candidate for mayor receiving the highest number

of votes for mayor shall be elected for the term of four (4) years or until the successor is elected and qualified.

The mayor and aldermen shall assume office at the first regular meeting of the board in December following their election.

Said election shall be called and held by the Board of Election Commissioners of Tipton County as other general elections are held, and all of the laws applicable to general elections shall apply thereto.

No person shall be eligible to hold office on the Board of Mayor and Aldermen unless they reside in said corporation and are qualified to vote for members of the General Assembly of Tennessee. In the case of death, removal from office, or resignation of any of the officers, the mayor and aldermen shall have the power to fill by appointment and vacancy created for the unexpired term. The vice-mayor shall serve in the absence or during the disability of the mayor and shall exercise all powers and authority which the mayor has when present.

SECTION 2. Chapter 98 of the Private Acts of 1977, and any other acts amendatory thereto, is amended by deleting Section 13 in its entirety.

SECTION 3. Chapter 98 of the Private Acts of 1977, and any other acts amendatory thereto, is amended by deleting Section 15 in its entirety.

SECTION 4. This act shall have no effect unless it is approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the legislative body of the Town of Brighton. Its approval or nonapproval shall be proclaimed by the presiding officer of the Town of Brighton and certified to the secretary of state.

SECTION 5. For the purpose of approving or rejecting the provisions of this act, it shall be effective upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, it shall become effective as provided in Section 4.